

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit comprising:
a wheelshaft for a vehicle;
a brake disc coupled to the wheelshaft;
a brake yoke coupled to the wheelshaft, the brake yoke having first and second brake supports, the first brake support having a first fastening element, and the second brake support having a second fastening element;
at least one fastening bracket having at least one end portion for fastening cooperation with respective fastening elements of the at least one brake support; and
a protective plate for laterally covering at least part of the brake disc, the protective plate having first and second major surfaces, the second major surface of the protective plate being attached to the at least one fastening bracket such that the first major surface of the protective plate is situated at the brake disc, wherein the protective plate and the at least one fastening bracket are separate elements which are united with each other,
wherein the at least one fastening bracket is made of pressed sheetmetal and is substantially U-shaped in cross-section.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein there are two separate fastening brackets each having first and second ends, the first ends each having respective third fastening elements cooperating with a respective fastening element of the first and second brake supports, such that the second ends of the fastening brackets are adjacent.
4. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein the protective plate is a pressed sheetmetal part.

5. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, ~~further comprising reinforcing ribs which are pressed into~~ wherein the protective plate has reinforcing ribs pressed into it.

6. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, further comprising:
a protective housing; and
peripherally distributed fastening regions in the protective plate for fastening cooperation with the protective housing such that at least part of the brake disc is located between the protective housing and the protective plate.

7. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 6, wherein the protective housing is a pressed sheetmetal part.

8. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 6, ~~further comprising~~ wherein there are apertures located in the protective housing for allowing the circulation of air.

9. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, further comprising rivets attaching the protective plate and the at least one fastening bracket ~~portion~~ to each other.

10. (Currently Amended) The disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening ~~brackets each extend~~ bracket extends along an outer periphery of the protective plate.

11. (Previously Presented) The disc brake unit according to claim 1, further comprising:
a lining holder coupled to the brake yoke; and
a main cover fastened to the lining holder.

12. (Previously Presented) The disc brake unit according to claim 3, wherein an area of the second major surface of the protective plate is greater than an area of an adjacent surface of each of the fastening brackets.

13. (Previously Presented) The disc brake unit according to claim 3, wherein the fastening brackets and the protective plates are C-shaped.

14. (Previously Presented) The disc brake unit in claim 1, wherein the first and second fastening elements are fastening eyes.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~the~~ The disc brake unit in claim 14, wherein there are two separate fastening brackets each having first and second ends, the first ends each having a respective third fastening ~~eye~~ element cooperating with ~~[[a]]~~ said respective ~~said~~ fastening eye of the first and second brake supports, such that the second ends of the fastening brackets are adjacent.